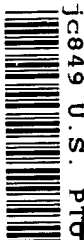


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Attorney Docket No.	Huang 3-8-3-2-2-25-5/75093.21
First Inventor	Huang, Robert YS
Title	Mask Layer and Dual Damascene Fabrication/ Interconnect Structure/Semiconductor Device
Express Mail Label No.	EL 896195149 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **17**]
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- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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- Brief Summary of the Invention
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- Claim(s)
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147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
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115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
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121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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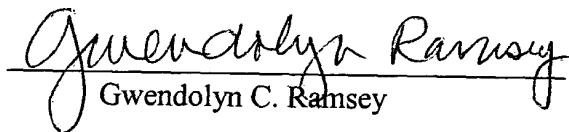
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